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Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 36th and 39th meetings, on 9 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/587);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/773);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.14).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.36 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.52

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" (A/C.5/70/L.52), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.52 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia[1] and the United Nations Support Office in Somalia[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, in which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to a further decision of the Council by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the Mission to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the Mission, including equipment and services,

Recalling also the subsequent resolutions of the Council by which the logistical support package for the Mission was extended, the latest of which was resolution 2289 (2016) of 27 May 2016, by which the Council extended the logistical support package until 8 July 2016,

Recalling further its resolution 63/275 A of 7 April 2009 on the financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/306 of 25 June 2015,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 97.7 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 54 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

[1] A/70/587.
[2] A/70/773.
[3] A/70/742/Add.14.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Notes* the progress made by the Federal Government of Somalia towards the holding of elections, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Support Office continues to support the political process and the preparation by the Government for an election, in accordance with the given mandate, and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

4. *Decides* to establish one post of Assistant Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to keep under review the structure of the Support Office to ensure that it is commensurate with the delivery of the given mandates;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to establish one post of Programme Officer (P-4);

6. *Takes note* of paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish one post at the P-4 level and one Field Service post;

7. *Notes* the continued delay related to the implementation of the construction projects, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that all construction projects are completed in a timely manner and that Headquarters continues to provide effective oversight;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[1]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia the amount of 608,950,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 574,304,900 dollars for the maintenance of the Support Office, 24,941,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 6,056,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 3,648,600 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

10. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 13,095,714 dollars for the period from 1 to 8 July 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

11. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 166,357 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 105,305 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 45,897 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the

support account, the prorated share of 9,469 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 5,686 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

12. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 595,854,986 dollars for the period from 9 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 at a monthly rate of 50,745,892 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Support Office;

13. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 7,569,243 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,791,395 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 2,088,303 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 430,831 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 258,714 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

14. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 21,736,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

15. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 21,736,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

16. *Decides* that the increase of 96,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 21,736,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".